

Notice of Agency Rule-making Proposal

AGENCY: Maine State Harness Racing Commission

CHAPTER NUMBER AND TITLE:

Chapter 5, Tracks

PROPOSED RULE NUMBER:

CONTACT PERSON FOR THIS FILING:

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BRIEF SUMMARY:

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IMPACT ON MUNICIPALITIES OR COUNTIES (if any)

None.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THIS RULE: 8 M.R.S. §§ 263-A, 264, 267-A, 268, 272-B, 272-C, 279, 279-A, 279-E, 281, 298

SUBSTANTIVE STATE OR FEDERAL LAW BEING IMPLEMENTED (if different):

None.

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Rule-Making Fact Sheet

(5 MRSA §8057-A)

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PRINCIPAL REASON OR PURPOSE FOR PROPOSING THIS RULE:

Chapter 5, Tracks- The statutory schedules and formulas for disbursing purse funds to tracks do not allow for adjustments necessary when tracks are unable to race, when a track closes or when a new track opens. This rule gives the Commission authority to make necessary adjustments while remaining true to the statutory intent of maintaining purse equity between all licensed tracks.

ANALYSIS AND EXPECTED OPERATION OF THE RULE:

Chapter 5, Tracks- The Department will alert the Commission of any inequity concerns. The Commission will hold a hearing and determine whether the industry is best served by making fair and equitable adjustments to the purse distributions.

FISCAL IMPACT OF THE RULE:

FOR RULES WITH FISCAL IMPACT OF \$1 MILLION OR MORE, ALSO INCLUDE:

ECONOMIC IMPACT, WHETHER OR NOT QUANTIFIABLE IN MONETARY TERMS:

INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS AFFECTED AND HOW THEY WILL BE AFFECTED:

BENEFITS OF THE RULE:

Note: If necessary, additional pages may be used.